October 19th
Our Righteous and God-bearing Father John, Archpriest of Kronstadt and Wonderworker
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: Having laid up all their hope

1) As that fier-y preacher John cried out pro-claim-ing re-
pen-tance, in the spir-it and the pow'r of E-li-as cam-est thou, right-eous Fa-ther John,
work-ing dread mir-a-cles, teach-ing men to stand fast in the sav-ing doc-trines of the Church.

And as the proph-e-sied mys-try of in-iqu-i-ty waxed in strength,
with burn-ing zeal didst thou rouse all men to love the mys-t'ry of pi-e-ty;

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and through thy great labors, amidst the rising tide of godlessness, the faithful flourished exceedingly
in the truth and love of Christ.

2) Wag-ing well the bitter war against the princes of darkness, thou didst make thy soul to shine
with the everlasting light which they cannot bear;
every morn, thou didst stand at that Mystic Table
as an Angel wrapped in Heaven's fire;

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then thou didst issue forth like a rushing river of grace and peace
to bring the saving light of Christ
into hearts encumbered with every sin.

Wherefore, we exalt thee, the man of prayer completely filled with love, ever alive with the life of Christ,
who dost make the dead to live.

3) Like the Prophet's chariot, moved by the hand of the Spirit, thou wast sent forth wonderfully,
that thou might-est rescue all from the jaws of death,
here to give help in need, there to heal the ailing,
led by God to ease each man's distress,
clothing the naked poor, caring for the widows and fatherless,
becoming as a God through grace,
perfectly providing for all mankind.
Rightly, then, O Father, did all men look to thee in ev'ry grief; and so we also, who seek thy help,
flee to thee with faith and trust.

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